

# **Education Development for Disabled and at Risk Students in Southeast Europe**

## **AGENDA FOR THE SEMINAR ON STATISTICS AND DATA COLLECTION**

**5-6 December 2005 at OECD, 2 Rue Andre Pascal, 75016 Paris. Room 11**

The seminar is part of the project on “Education development for disabled and at-risk students in South-East Europe”, which aims to improve the current situation of special needs education in close co-operation with nine ministries of education in South-East Europe.

Following the recommendations of the country reports, a number of seminars and related activities have been and will be organized for key stakeholders in education: ministry officials, experts, teachers and statisticians.

The seminar on statistics and data collection follows a proposal by country administrators at a meeting in Zagreb in June 2005. It will give the opportunity to ministry administrators and statisticians to become familiar with the main issues, current trends and working methods as used in the OECD member economies and to learn from the Hungarian experience in establishing cross-national categories to identify children with special education needs. Discussion on country specific problems may lead to the identification of micro-projects in order to address country-specific needs and challenges.

The second part of the meeting will involve a discussion of progress and obstacles for the further development of the project. A mid-term plan and timeline will be agreed upon.

## 5 December 2005

### ***Working Session for Administrators and Statisticians***

- 9:30 -10:00      **Opening Remarks (Peter Evans and Gerhard Kowař, OECD)**  
Review of Agenda
- 10:00-11:00      **First Working Session: Statistics and Data Collection (Peter Evans, OECD)**  
This session will give an overview of the main issues, current trends and working methods of statistics and data collection with special reference to the specifics of education for children with special needs. It will also offer an opportunity for feedback and discussion.
- 11:00-11:30      *Coffee Break*
- 11:30-12:30      **Second Working Session: Statistics and Data Collection – the Hungarian Example (Yvonne Csanyi, Eötvös Lorand University, Faculty of Special Education)**  
Ms. Csanyi will present the specifics and problems in establishing cross-national categories for children with special education needs in accordance with guidelines used in OECD countries. She will refer specifically to experiences gained in local data gathering in the Hungarian context.
- 12.30-14:30      *Lunch*
- 14:30-16:00      **Third Working Session: Working groups (Working session will be chaired by Yvonne Csanyi)**  
This session will concentrate on the identification of possible problems encountered by applying these cross-national categories to the national context. Participants will identify possible strengths and weaknesses for setting up such a framework in their reference system. Exchange and inter-linkage between statisticians and special education experts will be of the utmost importance in developing realistic perspectives.
- 16:00-16:30      *Coffee Break*
- 16:30-18:00      **Fourth Working Session: Statistics and Data Collection (Discussion will be chaired by Yvonne Csanyi)**  
Participants will discuss system-oriented solutions with respect to the improvement of their specific national data collection. As a result of this session a realistic action plan and possible follow-up activities (micro projects) will be developed to further enhance the current situation in this field.

**6 December 2005**

***Working Session for Administrators***

9:30 -11:00      **Review and Development of the Project (Peter Evans, Gerhard Kowař)**

Beginning with the recommendations of the meeting of project administrators in Zagreb (June 2005), progress and obstacles for the further development of the project will be reviewed. Participants are asked to give a short presentation (max. 5 minutes) on their perspective.

Proposed issues for further discussion: current status of and discussion on (draft) publication, continuation of teacher training activities, local and regional dissemination of country reports, statistics and data (micro projects), progress made in the establishment of model schools.

11:00-11:30      *Coffee Break*

11:30-12:30      **Review and Development of the Project (Peter Evans, Gerhard Kowař)**

First session to be continued. Depending on available resources a mid-term plan and timeline will be developed and agreed upon.

12.30-14:00      *Lunch*

**Closure of the seminar**